

CHAPTER 12**SECTION 2****Burning Restrictions****Subsections:**

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12-2-1 OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS.

(A) It shall be unlawful for a person to burn or allow the burning of any material on any open premises except for the cooking of food, the lawful use of matches, tobacco, flares, fireworks or explosives, other burnings expressly authorized by other Town ordinances or regulations, or as authorized by Subsection "B".

(B) (1) The open burning of cover vegetation, brush, weeds, leaves, grass clippings and the like for ditch maintenance, weed and nuisance control and other agricultural purposes may be conducted if the Fire Chief approves an "Open Burning" permit. Such permit shall be approved only if the fire can be safely contained and controlled and no nuisance or fire hazard will be created.

(2) The Fire Chief may place conditions on the permit as necessary to insure that the above criteria are met.

(C) During times of Significant Drought, or other times where fire danger and risk to the public are determined to be high, and where similar burning and fire restrictions are also contemplated or employed by Ouray County, the Town Manager may promulgate emergency restrictions on burning and fires within the Town of Ridgway. Such emergency restrictions shall be subject to confirmation or amendment by the Town Council. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, the banning or restricting of:

- (1) All campfires, fires in open pits, or outdoor chimineas;
- (2) All fires and burning of any kind, or the burning of any material of any kind, on public or private property within the Town, including all outdoor charcoal or wood grills, but shall not prohibit the use of propane grills on private property where the propane grill has an "on/off" switch so that the fuel can be turned off;
- (3) Fireworks or the use of explosives;
- (4) Smoking on public property, except in an enclosed vehicle or building;
- (5) Disposal of any cigarette anywhere outdoors;
- (6) Operating any chainsaw, except with a fire extinguisher and shovel kept within immediate reach;
- (7) Welding or use of torch with open flame, unless inside an enclosed structure and as an

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allowable use in the zoning district;

(8) Other activities determined to be of high risk in creating a wildfire and potential for loss of life or significant damage to personal property. (Subsection Added by Ord 3-2018)

12-2-2 BURNING PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful to burn trash, garbage or rubbish anywhere within the Town.